the practice in the department, when the strength of one class is below the minimum the two are clubbed together under one teacher. With regard to these Government and aided institutions the two classes are clubbed together as one, because of financial stringency and the interest of the Government. As I said, this is not an ideal system. It is insisted upon in the case of aided institutions. It would look unreasonable to adopt a different policy with regard to the Government institutions, since the codes of line to both the institutions are the same and educational considerations equally apply to both.

Standard of education, G. H. S., Kunnamkulam.

357. Mr. K. T. Mathew.—With reference to question No. 86 of the last Budget Session, will the Government be pleased to inform whether satisfactory steps have been taken by the Government to improve the standard of education in Girls' High School, Kunnamkulam and the school results in the public examination ; and if so, what are they ?

Mr. I. N. Menon.—The poor results were found to be mainly due to the constant absence of the Headmistress on leave and the frequent transfers of the staff. Necessary action to rectify both these has been taken. The stopping of the annual increment of the Headmistress has induced the whole staff to exert themselves better.

House-sites to Depressed Classes.

358. Mr. K. T. Mathew.—Will the Government be pleased to inform with reference to question No. 127 of the last Budget Session whether the request for house-sites from some of the depressed classes in Porkulam village has been sanctioned ?

Mr. T. M. Krishna Menon.—The Tahsildar has been requested to select suitable sites and submit proposals for sanction.

National dress—teachers.

359. Mr. E. Ikkanda Warriar.—Will the Government be pleased to inform this House (a) whether they have accepted the token motion No. 2 Education—regarding National dress for the teachers passed during the last Budget Session ; and if so,

(b) what action they have taken upon that matter ?

Mr. I. N. Menon. (a) No.

(b) Does not arise.

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Mr. E. Ikkanda Warriar.—May I know when the order rejecting that token motion was passed by the Government? Is it after the advent of the present Diwan?

Mr. I. N. Menon.—It was before the advent of the present Diwan.

Salary scheme—Education Department.

360. **Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.**—Will the Government be pleased to state whether the salary scheme in the Educational Department has been given effect to; if not, will they kindly state reasons for the delay?

Mr. I. N. Menon.—No. Because the pay lists already approved require revision in certain cases.

Mr T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—When were final orders passed regarding this?

Mr. I. N. Menon.—Final orders have not been passed yet with regard to the salary scheme.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—May I know when the pay lists were approved?

Mr. I. N. Menon.—The pay lists were not sent to Government in a block, because they relate to different grades and they relate to the school, college, etc. They were not sent to Government all at once. I am not at this moment in possession of the exact dates when the different lists were forwarded to Government for approval.

Extension of Park, Ernakulam.

361. **Mr. Thomas Manjuran.**—Will the Government be pleased to state.—

(1) Do the Government propose to extend the Ernakulam Rama Varma (Irwin) Park northwards and westwards;

(2) has the Government any idea of opening a road, along the Ernakulam foreshore, from one end to the other; if so, when will the work start?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—(1) Yes.

(2) Yes.

The Ernakulam foreshore improvement scheme is under the consideration of the Government.

Mr. Thomas Manjuran.—May I know if there is a chance of the work being undertaken in the near future, for instance, next year?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—We hope to start the work this year.

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